



## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

### **PSY 205** **Foundations of Human Behavior** *(3 credits)*

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Psychology 205 is an introductory psychology course offered by the Psychology Department at Syracuse University. Dr. Sutterer and Dr. Lewandowski, in conjunction with other members of the department, have designed an innovative course that provides instruction in the fundamental topics in psychology in addition to providing a degree of freedom for students to pursue individual topics of interest.

The primary goals of the course include providing students with information regarding major areas of psychology such as learning, memory, cognition, development, personality, and social psychology. Students will learn the basic principles, concepts, and research findings in psychology and will become acquainted with psychological research methods and procedures while attempting to conduct and document research. Students will be presented with opportunities to discuss current topics, events, real-life experiences, and applications of psychological theories and research. Furthermore, students will learn the organizational and study skills important to succeed in college courses while also developing their oral and written communication of psychological knowledge.

### **Course Outline**

By enrolling in this course, students will be reading college-level textbooks and will be completing study guide assignments. Other components of the course include teacher lectures, class discussions, Syracuse University course lectures on the World Wide Web, WWW textbook links, research review and/or research project, objective exams, essay exams, Syracuse University professor visitation and teacher-generated learning projects.

This course contains the content typical of most comprehensive introductory psychology courses. As a survey of the field course, it covers a wide range of topics. The text for the course is Wayne Weiten *Psychology Themes and Variations*, and supplements such as a study guide, WWW page, media, and practice tests.

The areas covered by the book include the following:

Research and Behavioral Science  
 Biological Basis and the Brain  
 Consciousness  
 Sensation and Perception  
 Learning  
 Memory  
 Cognition/Thinking  
 Language

Development  
 Intelligence  
 Motivation and Emotion  
 Personality  
 Psychological Disorders  
 Treatment  
 Social Psychology

Author/Title (Publisher)		Ordering Source
<i>Psychology Themes and Variations</i> , Weiten, 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition Hard Text - ISBN: 9781337292160		Cengage Phone: 800-354-9706
Study Guide, 10 <sup>th</sup> Edition ISBN: 9781337292177		Cengage
(1) Instructor's Resource Manual Online		Cengage
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